GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3182
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FOODGRAIN IN OPEN MARKET .
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of foodgrains sold in the open market by the Food Corporation of India in the month of March, 2000 and also a comparative statement of sales in the year 1999, month-wise;

(b) whether there is any abnormal increase in sale in the month of March, 2000; and

(c) if so, the extent of increase in sales in comparison to last three years?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) FCI has liquidated 955.63 thousand tones of wheat during March, 2000 under Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) of wheat. No rice has been sold under OMSS (D) during this period. The month-wise lifting position of Wheat during 1999 under this scheme is as follows:
(Figs.in `000 tonnes)

Month	Offtake
March, 99	96.26
April, 99	20.35
May, 99	1.19
June, 99	7.80
July, 99	27.20
August, 99	75.09
September, 99	252.36
October, 99	378.05
November ,99	401.20
December ,99	546.83
January, 2000	850.50
February, 2000	909.26
March, 2000	955.63

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. The details are as follows: Sales in March
Figs. In `000 tonnes

Year	Qty.
1997	179.50
1998	12.02
1999	96.26
2000	955.63